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The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"From the fact that these days are public holidays arises the inference that the Government is not in favour of courts being held on such days."

*Disposal of certain cases by the Subordinate Judge of South Kanara.*

\* 4 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the procedure adopted by the Sub-Judge of South Kanara, Mangalore, of disposing of most of the contested petitions and miscellaneous work in his chambers and not in open court;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Judge gets parties declared ex parte not in his presence but by the clerk concerned even before he comes to court;

(c) at what time the said Sub-Judge comes to the Bench daily and at what time he leaves the court; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Judge comes to the Bench very irregularly, even as late as 2 or 2-30 p.m.?

A.—The Government have no information but are causing enquiries to be made.

*The creation of a new post of "Master" in the High Court.*

\* 5 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is proposed to create a new post of a 'Master' in the High Court at Madras;

(b) if so, what is the need for it and what is the scope of his powers and duties; and

(c) whether the Registrar cannot cope with the duties for which the 'Master' is being created?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of Government.

*Period of stay permitted to certain officers in one station.*

\* 6 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of years during which (1) a Deputy Collector, (2) a District Munsif, (3) a Tahsildar, is ordinarily permitted to remain continuously in one station;

(b) whether short absences on leave during that period are held to constitute a break in their stay and whether the period during which such officers may normally stay in a station is counted again from their return to duty after the absence;

(c) whether enquiries are periodically made by district officers or others as to whether after their first appointment to a station they have many relations in their own or allied departments or have contracted debts or acquired landed properties within their jurisdiction; and

(d) whether all these facts are taken into account in posting officers or transferring them from station to station?

A.—(a) There are no hard-and-fast rules on the subject. Ordinarily opportunity is taken, when transfers have to be made, to move officers who have been three years at one station.